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Review examines death of man in police custody who said 'I can't breathe'

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At least 24 times on that early September morning, Byron Williams pleaded with Las Vegas police: "I can't breathe, I can't breathe, I can't breathe."

Soon, body camera videos show, Williams would go silent. And as he lay motionless on the ground, face-down with his hands cuffed behind his back, a group of Metropolitan Police Department officers stood around the 50-year-old man, laughing and making jokes.

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